

# The Belfringer

October 2024



## An Invitation to Service

October 6 is World Communion Sunday, a day when Christians of every denomination celebrate unity in and as the Body of Christ. Dr. Lisa Hancock of [Discipleship Ministries](#) reminds us that “For all that makes us different from one another, we share in this sacrament that Christ gave us as a means of grace that helps us remember ... that we are connected to one another in the family of God through Jesus Christ.” Precursors to acknowledging that sacred connection are planning, preparation, and prayer.

On the first Sunday of every month, our pastors are joined by Communion Stewards, familiar faces with a sacred charge, “to [prepare] the bread, wine and the communion ware for use in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper” ([Glossary. umc.org](#)). They move quietly through the chancel and sanctuary, making sure that each congregant has access to the elements of communion, bread and “wine” that symbolize the body and blood of Jesus Christ. The first Sunday of October, their work and the work of our Communion Visitation ministry resonate worldwide.

What does it take to become a Communion Steward? Election at Charge Conference is one step in entering the ministry. A spirit of hospitality is key. Willingness to serve God is most important. Michael Peters, Chair of the Holman Communion Stewards, embraces the power of “the work that God has called us to do. At the same time, it is an open invitation for any members of the church that may want to consider giving back from their God-given talents.” Consider the invitation. Speak with Pastor Victor and connect with Michael or Visitation Chair, E. Lynn Matthews.

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# Happy Birthday!

## October Celebrants

1	Jayson Edward Johnson	
3	Darlene Allen	
4	Ivy Hobson	
5	Jacqueline Nunn	
5	Kenneth Parham	
6	Estella Lee	
6	Ansylene Lloyd	
6	Hayward Garner	
6	Lorell Williams	
8	Myrtle C. Franklin	
10	Fanette S. Ball	
13	Otis T. McKinney	
14	Chazile Maseko	
16	Renee Campbell	
19	Antoinette Edwards	
19	Keyana Rhoden	
23	Mary Baker	
23	Elaine D. Moore	
23	Korey Streeter	
24	Jacqueline Nkansah	
27	William E. Gordon	
27	Beverly Thomas	

 = nonagenarian or centenarian

**The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## A Day to Remember

On Sunday, September 15, Holman honored 53 living nonagenarian and centenarian members. Here are two enthusiastic responses to the extraordinary celebration.

Today I received a copy of "A Celebration of Life and Longevity." What an act of love to see so many elders who impacted my life! It also gave way to remember the countless others who rest from their labor with the Lord. Birdia Harris was my first Sunday School teacher and I know now what a gift and calling it is to bring children to faith. Thank you for your love of God, people and Holman; what an endearing tribute. God bless you.

*- Denise Jackson, daughter of Anita T. Jackson*

## Words of Appreciation

to the  
Holman Family  
on behalf of our  
Nonagenarians & Centenarians  
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Thank you  
for your prayers, presence, gifts, and service  
given with great love and care  
in celebration of their faith, commitment,  
and longevity.

May God continue to guide our journey.

"Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the fellowship of kindred minds  
is like to that above."

~UMH 557: John Fawcett - Johann G. Nageli  
- Lowell Mason

## Worship Service and Fellowship Hour | September 15, 2024

Members and friends enjoy a time of celebration in recognition of our Nonagenarians and Centenarians.



### Photo Gallery

**Top Row:** Pastor Victor \* Sue & Earl Barner \* Donna Richardson & Ann Lloyd \* Mae Campbell Jones & daughter Jacqueline \* Rev. Buie with Jennifer Blannon & Reneé Levi  
**Row 2:** Pastor Jennifer \* Peggy Preacely \* Earnest Preacely \* Dr. Janice Exum - Loyola Batiste-Harris \* Michael Peters \* Susan James-Jackson  
**Row 3:** Theodore King \* Julia Jackson - David Brown \* Jeïña Esteem - Alvairene Scott \* Nichole Thomas-White & Vendor Marketplace \* Jennifer Blannon  
**Row 4:** Joyce Stephens \* Rev. Neema - Nnani - Pastor Victor \* Paulette Mallard & Ida Younge \* Ernestine Smith  
**Last Row:** Ernestine Smith - Fannette Ball - Deborah Mitchell - Shailendra Waters Scott - Dr. Janice Exum \* Myron Jackson \* Jubilant Voices



**At Holman**

# Breast Cancer Awareness

## The Dharma of Mastectomies

On the fourth day of the Meditation Challenge, my mother tells me that she has breast cancer. It is just after the New Year, and I am trying to become a new me. I don't expect to be tested so soon. We are lucky: they've caught it early. Apparently, there is such a thing as "stage- zero". The diagnosis was made two months ago, and she has opted for a mastectomy. The surgery is in four days. Four days? How had we not known?

My mother kept her mouth clamped through Thanksgiving and even Christmas, not wanting to further mar what the pandemic had already ruined. This is the reason she asked for soft button up pajamas, saying the ones she owned chafed. Pouring over material descriptions, and reviews, I searched for the best and settled on a satin cheetah print described as "lustrous and silky."

All along, there has been a hidden truth - she will need them during recovery. "That," she tells us proudly "was part of my trick." Through the screen, my mother's face is measured, deliberately serene as if she were the doctor relaying news about the gauzy cluster in my mammogram. She is trying to control our reaction with her own, holding back tears to

make sure ours never fall. My sisters and I oblige, more obedient than we've ever been.

On the eighth day of the Meditation Challenge, I visualize a mountain, K2 to be specific. My mother is not a quarry to be excavated. She is solid granite - sturdy and unyielding, a taut peak rising into the sky. Still, equanimity remains elusive. I am scared. My coworker's father went in for an operation and did not come out. What if this is how I lose her?

The day of the surgery, I do what I can to move normally, as though my mother's life isn't hanging precariously from a ledge on the other side of the country. I teach breathlessly, air catching in my chest, yearning to heave under the weight of tears I cannot release in front of my students and colleagues. The minutes and hours painfully plod until my sister calls to say that our mom is out and resting, that the surgeon says it went well, that the part of my mother's body trying to kill her has been removed and will not succeed in stealing her from us after all. That the crumbling temple of my mother still stands.

*"The Dharma of Mastectomies" is a Holman daughter's tribute to her mother.*

## Cancer in the Family

The **Breast Cancer Research Foundation** identifies genetic risks and preventive measures against breast cancer in an August 16 blog entry "[What A Family History of Breast Cancer Means and What You Can Do About It.](#)"

The good news is that, "hereditary breast cancers tied to genetic mutations are rare."



**Black Women for Wellness's Keep in Touch Initiative** offers ongoing information sessions and activities to raise breast health awareness within the African American community. Read more about the nonprofit's many offerings [here](#).



# Cal-Pac Update



*Rev. Paige Eaves*

## Assistant to the Bishop

October 1, Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank appointed **Rev. Paige Eaves** as Assistant to the Bishop. Rev. Eaves will continue the work of Bishop Sandy Olewine, former Holman Associate Pastor, who joined the California-Nevada Conference this month. Read the full appointment announcement at the Cal-Pac [website](#).

## Learning Lab Continues

Are you curious about what you'd need to know if you ran for Church Council? Do you dread writing Charge Conference reports or wonder how UMC employment differs from work in secular organizations? Cal-Pac Learning Lab was designed to empower laity and clergy by answering these questions and more! The webinars are open to everyone in the Conference. Registration is simple and follow-up videos are available. Register [here](#).



## Hurricane Helene Relief

We've set up a fund to collect donations that will be sent to our sibling conferences who are in desperate need. You can also [download the video message from Bishop Escobedo-Frank](#) to share with your congregations.

To hear Bishop Dottie's full message, visit the Cal-Pac website:

<https://www.calpacumc.org/>



# BALLOT EDUCATION FORUM

Sunday, October 20th  
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM



**HOLMAN UMC**  
3320 W Adams Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90018

RSVP

# FAITH VOTES VOTOS DE FE



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Dear Holmanites,

**IGNITEDLIGHT** will host its **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Service for Humanity Fundraising Gala** featuring two SERVICE FOR HUMANITY honorees, Mr. Wayne Moore, and Mrs. LaSonya Gibbs, entertainment, Silent Auction and much more Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Holman United Methodist Church.

Funds generated will assist in sustaining the organization and directly enhance the multi-faceted support provided by Ignited Light in celebration of the DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY OF SERVICE. Since its inception in 2016, more than 7,000 adults and children in the South Los Angeles community and beyond have been graciously served with abundant food giveaways, Medical and Dental services, Legal Services (including expungements), Employment information, and Housing Information.

We are inviting your participation by purchasing a ticket(s) and/or an ad. You may purchase an ad to congratulate the honorees, advertise your business, or support the goals of the organization by clicking the link

<https://forms.gle/2u9tQTkguD3nDHMF7>.

Attached are the Gala flyer with a link to purchase tickets and an ad form that will assist you in supporting Ignited Light and its honorees. If you have any questions regarding the Gala, please contact Gloria Bailey, Chair, at (323)296-5942.

In regards,

Dr. Cassandra L. Bailey, CEO



**ICYOLA**  
Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles  
- PRESENTS -

*An Afternoon of*  
**HYMNS**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH ▪ 4:00PM


- FEATURING -  
THE ICYOLA ORCHESTRA & CHORUS  
CHARLES DICKERSON III  
MUSIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR



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WWW.ICYOLA.ORG | (213) 788-4260 | INFO@ICYOLA.ORG

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**Tools for Life**  
Rites of Passage



A program of Holman United Methodist Church and the Junior Gents of Alpha Phi Alpha, designed for and open to young men ages 12 to 18 beginning their journey into manhood.

Workshops in **financial literacy**, social and spiritual development, **mental health and wellness**, time management, and **entrepreneurship**.

**REGISTER**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12  
Holman UMC Library  
3320 W. Adams Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90018  
11:00am-1:00pm

RSVP  
Earnest Preacely: [epracely.sgi@gmail.com](mailto:epracely.sgi@gmail.com)  
or  
Joseph Gambrell: [jmgambrell@earthlink.net](mailto:jmgambrell@earthlink.net)

The Los Angeles Alumnae Chapter  
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc  
Physical and Mental Health Committee  
Presents:



**Breaking the Silence**

12 Oct

9:30 AM

THE INTERSECTIONALITY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND BREAST CANCER

**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



Kandee Lewis  
CEO, PRC



Kimberly Liggins Fontenot  
CNM, MBA, DNP

Angeles Mesa Presbyterian Church  
3751 W 54th Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90043

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT US:  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
THE DELTA CHORALIERS  
*65th Anniversary*



**To Celebrate the Life and Legacy of Danellen Joseph**

16  
NOVEMBER 2024  
Begins at 3:00pm PST

Trinity Baptist Church  
2040 W. Jefferson Blvd,  
Los Angeles, CA

If you have questions or would like to be involved,  
Contact: Soror Carolyn Kimble-Singleton, Director or  
Soror Pamela Elise Davis, CO-Director  
[deltachoraliers@dstlchapter.com](mailto:deltachoraliers@dstlchapter.com)



# SATURDAY SCHOOL FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY

## EXCITING FALL EVENTS!

October 12, 2024

### What Is Politics?

Who are these individuals?



### You Can Vote!



November 9, 2024

### The Harlem Renaissance



Which one is a Renaissance Drummer?

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

GRADES 2ND - 9TH

>>> REGISTER TODAY <<<

OCT. 12  NOV. 9TH  BOTH

REGISTER AT: <https://holman.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2500783>

Contact Us: [SSAAH@holmanumc.com](mailto:SSAAH@holmanumc.com)



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## Become a Storehouse Volunteer

We're relaunching the Storehouse Ministry!

**Sign up here if you are interested in volunteering.**

Information regarding a future planning meetings will be sent out to you at a later date.

The Annual  
HBCU Summit  
returns to Holman

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 31

Register here today!



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# ANNUAL BLACK COLLEGE SUMMIT

COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
&  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**OCTOBER 25, 2023**  
5pm-7pm

**Featuring:**

-  California Community Colleges  
Transfer Guarantee Pathway to Historically Black Colleges & Universities Caravan

*California Community Colleges has partnered with 39 select HBCUs to offer community college students who complete certain academic requirements a guaranteed transfer to a participating HBCU.*

Learn more at <https://www.californiacommunitycolleges.edu/transfer>

Additional Historically Black Colleges and Universities representing a variety of degree programs from across the country will be in attendance.

- Learn more about the benefits of attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities
- Meet with Admissions Directors and Recruiters
- Opportunities to get accepted on the spot\*
- Have application fees waived\*

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS**

*Bring at least 5 copies of unofficial transcripts\**  
Transfer scholarships for students transferring to an HBCU partner school will be available



**HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS & SENIORS**

*Bring at least 5 copies of unofficial transcripts and SAT/ACT test scores\*\**



\*Some but not all participating schools will offer on-site admissions and fee waivers.  
\*\*Some institutions will offer acceptances to high school juniors.

Let us know you will attend! Register @ <https://tinyurl.com/lbcsummitla>

<http://WWW.HOLMANUMC.COM> @HOLMANUMC




# October Special Events

**Saturday, Oct 5**  
**2024 Special Called Session**  
**@CalPacUMC**

**3-5pm | Zoom (Sign up at the Holman website)**

**SUNDAY, OCT 6**

**An Afternoon of Hymns, featuring the Inner City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles & Chorus**  
**4-7pm | Sanctuary**

**TUESDAY, OCT 8**

**SPPRC Monthly Meeting**  
**6:45-7:45pm | Online**

**SATURDAY, OCT 12**

**Saturday School for African American History**  
**9am-12pm | Patio and Education Building, Rm 5**

**Tools for Life: Rites of Passage Orientation**  
**11am-1pm | Crockett Library**

**SATURDAY, OCT 20**  
**Ballot Education Forum**  
**1-3pm | L.L. White Hall**

**THURSDAY, OCT 31**

**HBCU Summit**  
**5-8:30pm**  
**(Sign up at the Holman website)**

For up-to-date information, regularly check the Holman [Events](#) page.

## Sunday

**Sunday Worship Services**

8:00-9:15am | Sanctuary  
11am-12:15am | Sanctuary

**Adult Sunday School**

9:30-10:30am | Zoom and Phone

**Children's Church**

9:30-10:30am | Chapel

**Book Talk**

9:30-10:45am | Zoom

**Spiritual Growth Circle**

3rd Sunday  
1:00pm | Library

## Weekday

**Thursday Bible Study**

1-2pm | Phone

**Friday Morning Prayer & Communion**

7:30-8:30am | Phone

**Holman United Methodist Men**

2nd Saturday  
9am | Zoom

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**

2nd and 4th Wednesdays  
12:00-2:00pm | Library

**SPPRC**

2nd Tuesday  
6:30pm | Zoom

**Trustee Board**

3rd Tuesday  
7:00 pm | Zoom

**Stewardship Committee**

3rd Thursday  
6:30pm | Zoom

**Finance Committee**

4th Tuesday  
6:30 pm | Zoom



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