

# HAM BULLETIN BOARD

## June 7, 2009

### Women's Day Committee Meeting Today

There will be a brief update today immediately following service.



### Patrick Osuagwu Our Shining Star

Years of hitting the books are paying off for two Philadelphia high school seniors as they're getting full college scholarships worth up to half a million dollars each from Bill Gates. Patrick Osuagwu and Jichang Ni were congratulated by Mayor Michael Nutter. The 18-year-old seniors from West Philadelphia received mail saying they will receive Gates Millennium Scholarships valued at \$500,000. "As soon as I opened the box I was like, a burden has been lifted off of both my parents' shoulders. It was sort of like the greatest present I could receive at this moment at my life," Patrick said. Their college costs will be covered including tuition, lodging, food, transportation, books, supplies, and everything through the doctorate level if they pursue PhDs.

Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife began the scholarship ten years ago to give academic opportunities for outstanding minority students with significant financial need. Jichang and Patrick, both sports-loving, A students, are the only ones in Philadelphia to earn the unparalleled academic support. "For me it's opportunities and opportunities are, obviously, very hard to come by these days. This is a huge opportunity for all of us because my family is not financially well off," Jichang said. Jichang's family moved to the US from China when he was 7. His parents own a restaurant. Patrick's parents, a SEPTA supervisor and registered nurse are from Nigeria. Without the scholarships, college would have been a struggle. Patrick will go to Temple and Jichang to Drexel. Both are considering becoming doctors and changing the world. "I want to research cancer. I want to find a cure for cancer," Patrick said. Both of them went to St. Francis Desales grade school and West Catholic High. In fact, six Gates scholars have come from West Catholic High School in the last 4 years. "There's noting that can stop them. The sky's the limit. It truly is," West Philadelphia High President Tim Ahem said.

For these two, the sky is just a beginning.

*Transcript of Action News Story by Denise James  
Friday May 29, 2009*



### June Birthdays



- 1 Melonie White
- 4 Helena M. Esdaile
- 7 Joseph Ohanugo
- 8 Ervine Gamble
- 10 Michael Shands  
Dereck Burchette II  
Amber Wray
- 11 Clare Nelson
- 11 Joel A. Smith  
Marit Anderson
- 14 Felicia Giusto  
George Mathias, Jr.
- 17 Angela Harris-Thompson
- 20 Gladys Bell  
Steven R. Billings  
G. Shaun Davis
- 25 Ophelia Hawkins

### Prayer List

Jean Fowler  
Gail Fowler  
Dorothy Furlow



Ralph Lewis  
Leroy Murray (Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Avenue Apt 309-M, Phila., PA 19131)

Rev. Robert J. Peterson, II (fiancé of Sonya Riggins-Furlow)  
Joseph Williams



# HAM Calendar of Events



## A Piece of HAM History

The red kneeling chairs which were in the chapel are not as sturdy as they once were. The HAM Vestry would like to offer our parishioners the opportunity to keep a chair for a small donation (what ever you can give). The Vestry will keep five (5) of the chairs. Those that are left will be offered for consignment. The chairs have been in the church for many, many, years and would appear to be antiques. See any HAM Vestry Member for further information. June 20, 2009 is the deadline to request a chair.

## HAM Student Recognition Day

Mark Your Calendars! June 28<sup>th</sup> has been designated as *Student Recognition Day* at Holy Apostles and The Mediator. All members, let the HAM Vestry know about the accomplishments and graduations of your children and Let's come out and applaud our young people.

## DOK

The Edna J. Caroll  
Chapter of Daughters of the King  
Quiet Day  
Saturday June 20, 2009  
Holy Apostles

## ESSENCE Magazine

Don't forget to pick up a copy of the June 2009 issue of Essence Magazine. HAM's own Bryon Golson and Everett Gillison are featured! HAM is on the map!



## Save the Date!!!!



**Union of Black Episcopalians**  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting and Conference  
June 21-25, 2009  
Hilton Hotel, Silver Springs  
Washington, DC.  
Applications are available in the church  
office

Annual Church Picnic  
Sunday, July 19th  
Ridley Creek State Park  
Pavillion 14

### Anniversaries

6/22 Gerald and Cheryl Bethea      6/26 Ernest and Adele Thomas

### Memorials

6/8/1985	Juanita Robinson	6/2/1988	Thelma Snyder
6/22/1990	George Overton	6/27/1990	Ruth MacCorkell