

# HAM BULLETIN BOARD

## September 13, 2009



Today is **Celebration Sunday** and Holy Apostles has a lot to celebrate, indeed! We welcome our new Priest in Charge, the Reverend Deirdre Whitfield. Please see the bulletin for Rev. Whitfield's contact information and hours.



Please let Sonya Furlow know if you are attending the **Praying the Anglican Prayer Beads** Presentation on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> so that preparations can be made for continental breakfast. Thank you.



Sonya Furlow continues to cover the office while Cheryl Bethea is on medical leave. In addition to the office number, Sonya can be reached via her mobile phone at 267-240-2308.

### Women's Day

**"Women of the Word: Living It, Speaking It, Sharing It!"**



Just one more rehearsal of the Women's Day Choir. Please come out and add your voice to the celebration!

The Honorable Blondell Reynolds Brown, *Councilwoman At-Large* for the City of Philadelphia will bring our inspiring message for the day. A buffet style luncheon will be served in the parish hall immediately after the service.



GFS and the hosts of Family Night would like to thank everyone who participated in our **"Stuff the Bus"** campaign!

With your help, we were able to purchase and collect 20 book bags, pens, pencils, notebooks and several other school supplies. Supplies were given out at this past Friday's family night. The kids were truly appreciative of our thoughtfulness and giving. Thanks again from the kids, GFS and the family night hosts!

### September Birthdays



- 1 Margaret Osuagwu
- 8 Sonya R. Furlow
- 9 Christopher Cox
- 10 Alberta Williams
- Laverne Lawson
- 11 Mary Morris
- Aaron Shelly
- 15 Lorna Taylor
- 17 Shirley Warthen
- 18 Sharida Gillison
- Virginia Taylor
- 19 Javier Jill
- 20 Danielle Seay
- 21 George Cherry
- 23 Synae Allen
- Dale Myaries
- 25 Alija J. Seay
- 26 Sandy Seay
- 27 Darnell M. Scott
- 29 Jillian & Madison Green
- 30 Mary Osuagwu
- Radcliffe O. Davis

### Prayer List

Cheryl Bethea  
George Cherry  
Gail Fowler

Dorothy Furlow  
Gloria Hampton  
Ralph Lewis  
George Mathias, Jr.

Leroy Murray (Simpson House, 2101 Belmont Avenue Apt 309-M, Phila., PA 19131)  
Alllean Scott  
Joseph Williams

## HAM Shepherd's List



### **Peter-Sonya Furlow**

*Chiugo Aghedo through Cheryl Bethea*

### **Andrew-Derek Burchette**

*Sarah Branch through Thelma Carter*

### **James/Greater**

*Damon Charman through Leslie Esdaile-Banks*

### **John**

*Gail Fowler through Elaine Gillison*

### **Phillip- Iola Harper**

*Everett Gillison through Gloria Hampton*

### **Bartholomew-Angela Harris-Thompson**

*Iola Harper through Jessica Hill*

### **Thomas - Everett Gillison**

*Marcia Hinton through Delores (Jean) Lewis*

### **Matthew**

*Harriet Logan through Anna Moore*

### **James/Less - Clare Nelson**

*Janis Moore through Jack Nelson*

### **Thaddaeus - Bryon Golson**

*Cecilia Ohanugo through Yvonne Samuels*

### **Simon-Boima Sonni**

*Alleean Scott through Lorna Taylor*

### **Matthias - Pat Peterson**

*Adele Thomas through Lucinda Witherspoon*



## The Reverend Deirdre Whitfield

Married: George C. Whitfield, Jr.  
Children: George Christopher; Michael Allen  
Home: Wallingford, PA  
Priesthood: June 2009  
MDiv. - General Theological Seminary: May 2009  
Diaconate: June 2001  
MSS - Bryn Mawr College: May 2001  
BS Bus. Mgmt/Mktg - Indiana Univ of PA: June 1984

### **Equipping the saints for living the Kingdom life**

Vocational Interest:

**Liturgy** – is the central aspect of our common life from which flows all of our ministries. For eight years as a deacon I have had the privilege of serving as a leader of worship in several congregations, all very different and all equally rewarding. I have officiated at Morning, Noonday and Evening Prayer, trained lay readers and acolytes, and designed liturgies for special services such as funerals and baptisms.

**Preaching and Teaching** – in the pulpit is my ultimate element but I also enjoy engaging in extemporaneous and informal homilies. I aim to connect the texts to real life and current social issues. While focusing primarily on the Gospel, I work to incorporate the Hebrew Scriptures and the Epistles. Through my words guided by the spirit I desire to share an authentic faith that inspires faith in others. I encourage spirituality and prayer in all Christian education programs. I like the term "synogogy" where teachers come to learn and learners come to teach.

**Pastoral and Spiritual Care** – to all people in all aspects of life is a privilege in this vocation. I strive to see all of life through the lens of the Paschal mystery and weave Christ story into our own journeys. I find feeding the lives of the saints from the riches of God's grace is a joyous commitment. Development of the spiritual life is imperative for the pastor in order to live by example a life lived in Christ which gives one qualities of joy and peace that are contagious, inspiring, and converting.

**Administration and Leadership** – in either large or small groups is a rewarding experience for me particularly as scripture, contemporary issues are engaged. I am expressly interested in developing and administering programs in the church so that they work effectively and others can participate fully. As a Deacon-in-Charge at St. Mary's Church, Chester, PA, I worked with lay members to develop vision and leadership and actively recruited volunteers to participate in parish ministries which enabled an experience of growth in attendance. In addition, I diligently worked to enhance the benefits of stewardship which directly stimulated the development of a strategic plan.

## Anniversaries

Yolanda & Kelson Fraser 9/3

## Memorials

Brian Harris 9/10/91

Lawrence Wilmore 9/6/095

Gloria C. Matthias 9/5/04

Johan H. Woods 9/27/91

Tyrone Robinson 9/16/99

William T. Peterson 9/15/04